

Application No. 09/650,801
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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4 at line 11, as follows:

Some conventional recording systems prohibit the selection of program 20 for recording when program 16 has previously been selected. Accordingly, if the viewer were to attempt to program the recording system to record program 20, the viewer would first have to manually deselect program 16 and then reselct program 20. Other conventional systems allow program 20 to be selected, without indicating that there is a conflict resulting in the viewer falsely believing that program 20 will be recorded. Each of the foregoing conventional approaches to managing conflicts between coinciding programs has limitations and distracts from the viewer experience. For instance, prohibiting the ~~select~~ selection of a later program based on a conflict with a previously selected program can cause viewers to have to go through the trouble of manually deselecting the previous program, if desired. In contrast, those conventional systems that enable selection of a conflicting program can mislead viewers into expecting that the most recently selected program will be recorded when, in fact, it will not be recorded.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 32 at line 22, as follows:

The program Baseball 96 is an example of a program that may have an actual duration that is different from the duration originally specified by the electronic program guide 110. assuming that Baseball 96 has a duration of 2 ½ hours as shown in Figure 8A, the recording system will be unable to record Taxi 68, but will be able to record Square Pegs 98. In addition to obtaining electronic program guide data that can be used to construct program schedules in advance for periods of time ranging from several hours to several days, home entertainment systems often receive television signals having encoded therein broadcast data that identifies, on a repetitive or an ongoing basis, the current program and the immediately proceeding program on a particular channel. Such real time guide data is described in greater detail in co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. [/]09/607,394, entitled "RECORDING PROGRAMMING CONTENT USING REAL TIME DATA", which was filed on the same day as this application and is incorporated herein by reference. The real time guide data can be used by the recording system to determine when program Baseball 96 ends to thereby determine whether Baseball 96 actually conflicts with Taxi 68 and Square Pegs 98. For instance, the real time guide data used by the recording system in this embodiment of the invention can include data identifying the currently broadcasted program as being Baseball 96 or as being Sports News 102, which is the immediately following program.